Airport Tax

477. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to increase the Airport Tax considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons for planning such a hike;

(c) what will be the quantum of such increase; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Insecurity and Unhygienic conditions at Airports

478. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the insecurity and unhygienic conditions have been prevalent at the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the steps recently taken to curb these problems; and

(c) to what extent these have been effective?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withdrawal of operations in India by International Airlines

479. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the International Airlines who have withdrawn or reduced their operations in India;

(b) to what extent air traffic in India has suffered; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet the situation?